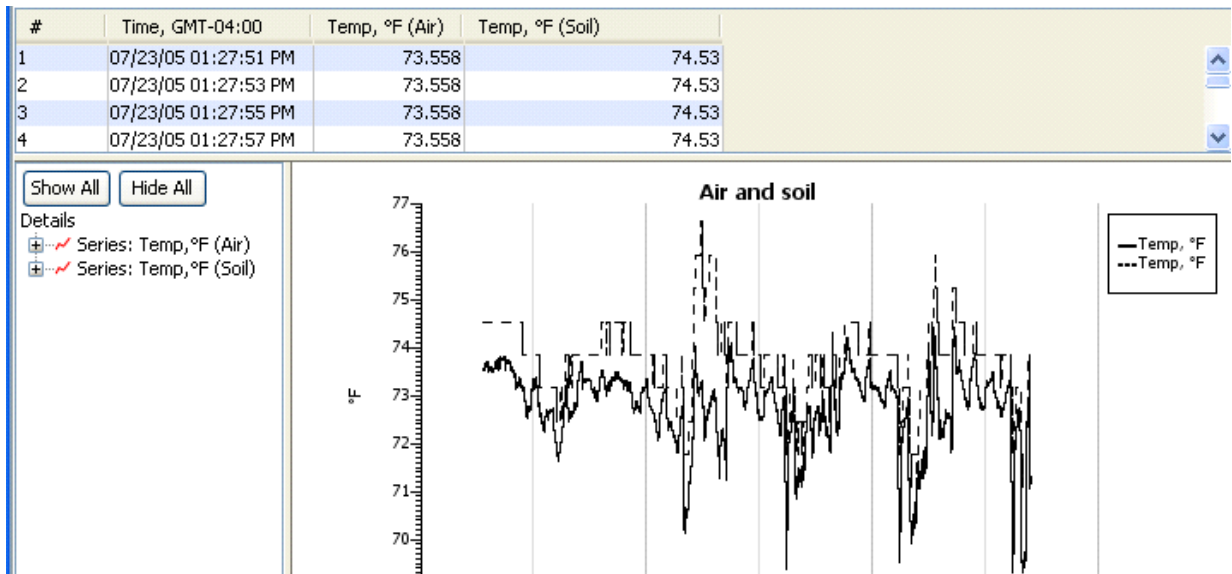


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# Introduction to HOBOWare Lite

## Overview

HOBOWare Lite is entry-level software for HOBO USB loggers, offering easy logger launch, readout, and data plotting.

HOBOWare Lite combines fast, easy logger launch and readout functions with powerful data plotting capabilities, making it easier than ever for users to analyze environmental conditions recorded with HOBO loggers.

An intuitive, graphical user interface allows users to select environmental parameters to display, format graphs, perform analysis, and save projects for future use. HOBOWare Lite supports one-click export of data to Microsoft® Excel or other ASCII-compatible programs.

## Supported Loggers

HOBOWare Pro is compatible with the following HOBO data loggers:

- HOBO U-Series loggers (except HOBO U30 Station)

## Features

- Easy logger setup/launch
- Graphing and analysis with ability to view multiple data files on one graph
- Filters to extract key series information such as minimum/maximum values
- Save Project Changes
- Export ASCII text data
- Check Logger Status and view current readings

# GETTING STARTED

## Installing HOBOWare Lite

### Before You Begin

Refer to the README file on the installation CD for detailed information about the hardware and software needed to run HOBOWare Lite. If you have additional questions, please check the HOBOWare website at <http://www.onsetcomp.com/products/software>, or call Onset Technical Support.

### Java

HOBOWare Lite requires the Java 2 Runtime Environment. If the correct Java 2 Runtime Environment version is not already installed on your computer, the HOBOWare Lite Setup program will ask if you want to install it. Click **Yes** and follow the prompts. You must be logged in as an administrator on your computer to install the Java 2 Runtime Environment.

### Steps

You must have an administrator login to install HOBOWare Pro.


To install the software from CD:

1. Insert the CD in your computer's CD-ROM drive. Double-click the CD icon in the Finder and double-click the HOBOWare Lite.pkg icon to launch the installer.
2. Follow the prompts.
3. When you reach the final screen of the installation program, click Restart.
4. After restarting, open HOBOWare by double-clicking the HOBOWare icon in your computer's Applications folder.

# HOBOWare Tutorial


After you have installed and opened the HOBOWare Lite software and connected a logger, follow these steps for a quick tutorial on launching and collecting data with a logger:

## Launch


1. Click the Launch icon  on the toolbar. This displays the logger's Launch window. Launch windows vary slightly for each type of logger.
2. Review the default Launch settings and change them if you wish.  
Enter a new name in the **Description** field, and select or deselect **Channels to Log** (or connect appropriate sensors, if applicable). Make sure that at least one of the channels you log is a measurement of something that will be easy to change, such as light or temperature. Set a short (five seconds or less) **Logging Interval**, and choose the **Now** launch option.
3. Click **Launch** to begin logging. HOBOWare Lite displays the progress of the launch and warns you not to unplug the logger while it is being configured.

Normally, you would unplug the logger at this point and deploy it. For this tutorial, leave the logger plugged in.

## View Status

4. On the toolbar, click the Status icon  to open the Status window. Watch as the **Current Readings** update in real time.
5. Press the logger's event button for several seconds. Watch the **Current States** in the Status window change to Button Down. Release the button. Release the button.
6. Change the sensor readings by changing the conditions. For example, if you are measuring temperature, change the temperature reading by holding the logger or sensor in your hands for a minute or two. Watch the **Current Readings** change as the conditions change.
7. Close the Status window by clicking **OK**.

## Readout/View Data

1. Click the Readout icon  on the toolbar. Click **Stop** when HOBOWare Lite asks if you want to stop the logger before reading out.
2. After reading out the logger, HOBOWare Lite prompts you to save the datafile. Click **Save**.
3. Review the settings on the Plot Setup dialog. The channels you enabled in step 2 should be checked, along with button and other events (if applicable). Click **Plot**.
4. View the results of your deployment. You should see Button Up and Button Down events (if applicable) and the graph should reflect the change in conditions that you caused in step 6.
5. From the View menu, choose **Details Pane**, then return to the View menu and choose **Points Table**. The Details pane appears to the left of the graph, and the Points table appears above the graph. These panes provide additional information about your data. (To hide these panes, go back to the View menu and choose them again.)
6. Use the plotting tools on the toolbar to experiment with the many viewing and customization tools available within HOBOWare Lite. Pause the pointer over each icon on the toolbar for a description of each tool.



# CONNECTING DEVICES

## Connecting Devices

HOBOWare Lite supports most HOBO U-Series data loggers, which communicate with the computer by connecting to a USB port.

You can connect most devices to the USB port by using an Onset-supplied USB interface cable. Some loggers require an optic USB base station/coupler to connect to the computer. Consult the manual that came with your device for specific information about required base stations/couplers or cables.

- Connecting a USB Device to HOBOWare (page 10)
- Connecting a Base Station/Coupler to HOBOWare (page 11)
- Connecting Multiple Devices (page 12)

**NOTE:** For instructions on using the HOBO Waterproof shuttle as a base station, refer to the shuttle's user guide.

# Connecting a USB Device

**NOTE:** If you are using a Base Station or Coupler, see Connecting a Base Station or Coupler on page 11.

To connect a logger to HOBOWare using a USB cable:

1. Open HOBOWare Lite.
2. Plug the large end of the USB interface cable into a USB port on the computer.
3. Plug the small end of the USB interface cable into the port on the device. (Refer to the diagram and instructions that came with the device if you need help finding the port.)

When the device is recognized by HOBOWare Lite, the right side of the status bar at the bottom of the HOBOWare Lite window will update to reflect the number of devices connected. At this point, you can begin using the device.

## Disconnecting a Device

To disconnect the device, simply unplug it from the USB cable. Wait for the status bar to update the number of devices before continuing.

# Connecting a Base Station or Coupler

To connect a logger to a base station/coupler:

1. Open HOBOWare Lite.
2. Plug the base station/coupler cable into a USB port on the computer.

**Important:** Make sure the base/station coupler is the correct model for the logger you want to use. Consult the manual that came with the logger if you are not sure.

3. Attach the logger to the base station/coupler as described in the documentation that came with your logger.
4. When the logger is recognized by HOBOWare Lite, the right side of the status bar at the bottom of the HOBOWare Lite window will update to reflect the number of loggers connected. At this point, you can begin using the logger.

To disconnect a logger, simply unplug it from the base station/coupler. Wait for the status bar to update the number of devices before continuing.


To attach another logger via a base station/coupler, remove the logger, leaving the base station/coupler connected. Then connect the next logger.

# Connecting Multiple Devices

If your computer has multiple USB ports, you can connect multiple devices and work with one at a time. When multiple devices are connected, the **Select Device** window opens every time you select *Launch*, *Readout*, *Stop*, or *Status*.

Click the button next to a device on the list to select it, then click **OK**. The selected action will proceed.

If serial devices are selected in Preferences, it may take some time for HOBOWare Pro to scan all of the serial ports. You can select the device you want as soon as it is displayed. You do not have to wait for all of the ports to be scanned.

To access the **Select Device** window at any time, click the Select Device icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Select Device** from the **Device** menu.

## Verifying Selected Device

If the **Blink Device Light** button is available, you can click it to verify that you have selected the appropriate device. This briefly illuminates the light on the devices that you have selected.

If the device does not have a light, or if the light is not visible when the device is in the base station/coupler, simply check the serial number (S/N) on your devices to make sure that it matches the one that is selected in this window.

When the Select Device window is not open, you can check the status bar at the bottom of the screen to quickly determine which device is selected. The left side of the status bar indicates the model, description, and serial number of the device; the right side indicates the total number of devices connected.

# WORKING WITH A DEVICE

## Launching a Device

To set up a logger to record data, you must specify several parameters and start or launch the logger.

To launch a logger:

1. Before opening HOBOWare Lite, check the time on the computer and ensure that it is correct. If it is not, update your computer's clock manually or synchronize it with an online time server (if available).
2. Open HOBOWare Lite.
3. Connect the logger to the computer.
4. Click the Launch icon on the toolbar, or choose **Launch** from the Device menu.
5. Different messages may appear, depending on the state of the logger. Answer each of the prompts accordingly:
  - A warning appears if the logger has already been launched. Click **Yes** to continue, or click **No** to cancel.

If the logger is currently logging, it will continue to log until you click the **Launch** button on the Launch Logger window.

- A warning appears if the logger has collected data since its last readout. Click **Yes** to proceed to the launch window, or click **No** to cancel the launch and read out the data first.

**NOTE:** Because loggers are tested before shipping, there may be data in your logger the first time you launch it. In this case, it is not necessary to read out the logger. Click **Yes** to proceed.

6. When the Launch window appears, configure the launch parameters as required:
  - Enter a launch description (up to 40 characters)
  - Select the data channels you want the logger to record, if applicable
  - Set the logging interval(s), if applicable
  - Choose the start mode for the launch — **Now**, **At Interval**, **Delayed**, or **Trigger** (button or coupler, if available).
7. To verify that the sensors are working correctly or to review settings from the previous launch, click the Status button.
8. Click the **Launch** button. HOBOWare Lite displays the progress of the launch and warns you not to unplug the logger while it is being configured.

**NOTE:** If the logger was already logging from a previous deployment, it will not stop logging the previous deployment until you perform this step. Click **Cancel** instead of **Launch** if you want to continue the previous deployment.

Once the logger begins logging, it will continue logging until you stop it, the memory is full, or the battery runs out

# Channel Configuration Guidelines: Station Loggers

This topic describes guidelines for the Channels to Log section in the Launch window for Station loggers.

Some general information is given below, but you should always refer to the documentation that came with your logger for detailed information about the channels that are available to you.

## **Dew Point**

When a sensor includes both temperature and RH, dew point will be calculated automatically.

## **Maximum Channels**

Do not attach more than 15 channels of sensors. The logger cannot accommodate more than 15 channels.

## **Battery Channel**

In addition to logging up to 15 channels, the HOBO Energy Logger Pro and HOBO U30 Station can record their internal battery channel. (Other sensors must be attached; the logger cannot log battery alone.) The logger's battery voltage is recorded at each interval.

Like the other data channels, logging the internal battery channel consumes some of the logger's memory. Unless you are using excitation power or suspect abnormal battery performance, you probably do not need to log the battery voltage in loggers other than the HOBO U30 Station.

## **Excitation Power**

Always enable the logger's internal battery channel when logging with excitation power. This will enable you to determine whether and when excitation power was turned off during a deployment.

# Multiple Logging Intervals

## Overview

Some loggers support multiple logging intervals, which allow you to define separate intervals for different phases of the deployment.

If your logger supports multiple logging intervals, you will see an **Add New Interval button** on the Launch window for your logger.

Because internal logger events, such as coupler events, do take up some of the logger's memory, the number of samples and end times are only estimates. Frequent events will cause the logger to fill up sooner.

## Steps

To configure multiple logging intervals:

1. Click the **Add New Interval** button until you have as many intervals as you want (up to the number of intervals supported by the logger).
2. Set the hours, minutes, and seconds for each interval, and the number of samples you want the logger to record at each interval.
3. Use the **Start** and **End** times in the Duration column to help you decide how many samples to record at each interval.

To delete an interval, click the **Remove** button next to the interval.

# Fast Logging Intervals

Some loggers support fast logging intervals, which allow you to log more than once per second, up to 100 measurements per second (hertz). If your logger supports fast logging intervals, the **Launch** window for your logger will offer **Logging Interval** choices of **Normal** and **Fast**.

To use fast logging intervals, click the **Fast** button. Then choose a logging frequency from the **Hertz** drop-down list, or enter the logging interval in decimal form in the **Sec** field.

## NOTES

- A logger cannot communicate with a computer while it is logging at a fast interval. Once it has started logging, if you connect it to a computer or base station to check status or read it out, the logger will stop.
- Be aware that a fast logging interval typically means a very short **Logging Duration**. Make sure the logger will run long enough to collect the data you need. Disabling unnecessary channels will give you more time.
- Because fast logging deployments are so brief, the logger must be launched with a trigger start. Follow the instructions that came with your logger for a trigger (coupler or button) start. If the logger has a light, the light will flash quickly when logging begins.



# Alarms

## Overview

The following loggers support alarms:

- HOBO® Temperature/Alarm Data Logger (model UA-001)
- HOBO U14 LCD Logger

If your logger supports alarms, you will see an **Alarms** button on the Launch window.



Built-in alarm indicators are triggered when data is logged above or below values that you define. You can set up alarms to be triggered when the data has been above or below an allowed value for a specified amount of time, or when the data has been logged above or below an allowed value for a specified number of times throughout the deployment.

**NOTE:** If you have a HOBOWare-compatible logger without built-in alarm capability, you can use Onset's Alarm & Readout Tool to monitor loggers for alarm conditions. When alarms are tripped, the software notifies you by e-mail, mobile phone text message, or pager. For more information, visit the Onset website: [www.onsetcomp.com/Products/Product\\_Pages/hoboware/alarms\\_software.html](http://www.onsetcomp.com/Products/Product_Pages/hoboware/alarms_software.html).

## Configuring Alarms for the HOBO® Temperature/Alarm Data Logger

The following procedure is for configuring alarms for the HOBO® Temperature/Alarm Data Logger. For U14 alarm configuration, see the *HOBO U14 User's Manual*.

To set up the alarms:

1. Attach the logger and access the Launch window.
2. Select a channel that supports alarms (it will have a small bell icon  next to it) and click the **Alarms** button. An Alarms dialog will appear.
3. Select the **High Alarm** and/or **Low Alarm**. Use the sliders to set the values that will trigger the high and low alarms, or enter the values manually. (If you enter values manually, the software may adjust them slightly to the nearest values supported by the logger.)
4. In the **Number of out-of-range samples logged before alarm raised** fields, enter the number of samples that are needed to trigger each alarm.
5. Select an alarm mode:
  - Choose **Cumulative** if you want the alarm to be triggered after a specific number of samples have been logged above or below an allowed value, even if the samples are not logged consecutively.
  - Choose **Consecutive** if you want the alarm to be triggered only when the value has been above or below an allowed value for a specific amount of time. If the value goes back in range before triggering the alarm, the count is reset.
6. Click **OK** to return to the Launch window and proceed as usual. The small bell icon  will now be colored green to indicate that the alarm has been set. Refer to the logger's manual for information about how the logger responds when the alarm is triggered.

# Checking Device Status

The Status window displays real-time information about the attached logger, including:


- state of the logger
- time logging will begin
- current readings
- logger memory used

You can check the status for a logger whether it is waiting for logging to begin, actively logging (unless it is logging at a fast logging interval), or stopped.

**Important:** Battery power is drained more rapidly while checking status. Keep this in mind when frequently checking status during a deployment. You can significantly reduce the demand on the battery by adjusting the **Screen Refresh Interval** to five seconds or higher (not available on all loggers).

## Steps

To check the status of a logger:


1. Connect the logger to the computer.
2. Click the Status icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Status** from the Device menu.

You can also access the Status window by clicking the **Status** button on the Launch window.

# Reading Out Data

To retrieve data recorded by a logger, you must read out the logger. Reading out the logger copies data from the logger to your computer, allowing you to save the data in a datafile and view the plot.

During readout, the logger continues to record data unless you have stopped the logger or the logger is full. To read out a logger:

1. Connect the logger to the computer.
2. Click the Readout icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Readout** from the Device menu. If the logger is still logging, a message asks whether you want to stop the logger.
3. Wait while the data is read out from the logger.
4. HOBOWare Lite prompts you to save the data. Accept the default location and name, or enter a new name and click **Save**.

By default, the datafile is saved with an extension of .hobo in the HOBOWare folder, located in your Documents folder.


If you save the file to a different folder, HOBOWare Lite will make that folder its new default.)
5. The Plot Setup dialog appears.
  - Select the series you wish to view on the plot. Click each checkbox individually to select or clear sensor measurements, states, and events, or click the **All** or **None** buttons to select or clear all sensor measurements, states, and events.
  - Select the units you want to display for each series, if available.
  - Adjust the time zone offset, if necessary. By default, data is shown in the offset used to launch the logger. To select a different offset, enter the hours offset from GMT (UTC) in decimal form. (You may find this useful if you logged in multiple time zones, or if you took the logger to a different time zone after launching it.)
6. When you have made your selections, click the **Plot** button. The plot is displayed.

# Stopping a Device

A logger automatically stops recording data when the memory is full or the battery runs down.

You can also stop the logger manually at any time with the stop command.

To stop a logger:

1. Connect the logger to the computer.
2. Click the Stop icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Stop** from the Device menu.

After the logger has been stopped, the data remains in the logger until the next launch.

# Controlling the Relay on the HOBO U30 Station

The HOBO U30 Station has a built-in, system-wide relay. The default setting is *deactivated* (open).

## Steps

To change the relay:

1. Connect the HOBO U30 Station to the computer with the USB cable.
2. From the **Device** menu, select *Control Relay*.
3. Select *Set default (deactivated) state*.
4. Select either *Open* or *Closed*.

## Testing the Relay

To conduct an immediate test of the relay:

1. Connect the HOBO U30 Station to the computer with the USB cable.
2. From the **Device** menu, select *Control Relay*.
3. Select *Activate (close) relay*.

You should hear a click in the HOBO U30 Station.

4. Select *Deactivate (open) relay*.

You should hear the click again.

Use HOBOLink to configure alarms for individual sensors, low battery, and low memory.

# WORKING WITH DATA FILES

## Plot Data

### Viewing a Plot

The plot displays sensor, state, and event information in three panes:

- **Details pane**  
Information and statistics about the launch.
- **Points table pane**  
Logger data presented in a tabular format.
- **Graph**  
A graph of the sensor readings and events.

### Plot Data

Four kinds of data can be displayed on the plot:

- **Sensor measurements**
- **States**
- **External events**
- **Internal logger events**

#### Sensor Measurements

*Sensor measurements* include the channels you selected to log at an interval during the launch, such as temperature, RH, or battery voltage. This type of data series consists of all the logged data points for that channel. In addition, if the logger recorded both temperature and RH, a dew point series can be plotted.

#### States

*States* are condition changes that can be recorded at any time during deployment, regardless of the logging interval (if any). Only state loggers, such as the U9 and U11, can record state changes.

#### External Events

*External events* are momentary switch closures (e.g., from turnstiles) that are recorded by loggers with external event channels, such as the U11 logger.

#### Internal Logger Events

*Internal logger events* are individually-logged occurrences that can be recorded at any time during deployment, regardless of the logging interval. U-Series loggers record internal logger events.

Examples of internal logger events include:

- **End of File:** Marks the last record that was found in the logger.
- **Bad Battery:** Time the battery capacity fell to an extremely low level (if applicable). If you see a Bad Battery event, replace the battery before deploying the logger again.
- **Stopped:** Time the logger was manually stopped with HOBOWare.
- **Host Connected:** Time the logger was connected to the computer.

- **Coupler Connected/Coupler Disconnected:** Time the logger was connected or disconnected from the coupler, if the logger uses a coupler to communicate with the computer.
- **Button Down/Button Up:** For loggers that have event buttons, each button push of at least one second is logged as a Button Down event and a Button Up event.
- **Interval Change:** For loggers that support multiple logging intervals, an Interval Change event marks the moment when a new logging interval began.

# Opening Data Files

Only files with extensions of .hobo (including files created with Onset's GreenLine software and both Macintosh and Windows -compatible versions of HOBOWare Lite and HOBOWare Pro), .hsec, or .hproj can be opened directly by HOBOWare Lite.


## Steps

To open a file from:

- **Finder**

Double-click a compatible file. HOBOWare Lite automatically launches itself (if it is not open already) and opens the file.

- **HOBOWare**

Click the Open icon  on the toolbar, or choose *Open Datafile* from the **File** menu. Select a compatible file and click **Open**.

If verification fails, see Verification Failure.

Complete the Plot Setup dialog to select the items you wish to view in the plot. Then click the **Plot** button. The plot is displayed.

**Tip:** If you never use data assistants or change time zones, and would like to bypass the Plot Setup dialog every time you open a datafile, go to Preferences > General > **Open File Time-Saving Options** and select *When opening a datafile: Automatically plot*. This displays the plot with default Plot Setup selections.

## Project Files

To open a project file, choose **Open Project** from the File menu. Then select a project (.hproj) file and click **Open**.


Click the **File** menu and select a recently opened datafile or project file from the **Recent Files** list.



# Secure Files

To comply with 21 CFR Part 11, you can create secure files in HOBOWare Pro to add a level of security when working with datafiles. Secure files have an extension of .hsec and are digitally signed when the logger is read out. You can open secure files in either HOBOWare Pro or HOBOWare Lite. When you open the file, HOBOWare verifies the digital signature to ensure that the data in the file exactly matches what was read out from the logger.

## Guidelines

- The padlock icon  appears in the legend next to the series that were verified as original data.
- In the Details pane, audit trail information is displayed under the Data Verification node for each series.
- Series that were created by filtering are not verified.
- Series retain their verification status (and padlock icon) when copied and pasted into other plots.
- Project (.hproj) and export files are not secure, even if you create them from secure files.

## Verification Failure

If HOBOWare cannot verify the digital signature, it will display a message that verification has failed. This means that the file has been altered or become corrupted since it was originally saved. It will offer to display the plot if possible, but will not display the padlock icon in the legend or provide signing details in the Details pane. You will still be able to apply filters, copy and paste series, export the data, save a project file, and perform other typical HOBOWare functions.

# Restoring a Corrupt Header

Occasionally, when trying to launch, check status, or read out a logger, you may receive a "Read Header Failed" message.

"Read Header Failed" messages occur when a device's header cannot be read, usually because of a communication error or corrupted header. Disconnect the device from the computer, then reconnect it and try to launch, check status, or read out again.

If you receive the message again, the header has probably become corrupted. The most common cause of header corruption is a communication problem during launch, such as the USB cable coming loose or an optical logger slipping out of its base station/coupler while the Launching Logger progress bar is displayed. In that case, there is a possibility that valid data has been logged, but cannot be read out.


You can restore the header by launching the logger. This will reset the device's launch options to factory defaults. However, it will also cause any logged data to be lost. If you receive a "Read Header Failed" message and are unable to read out the logger, please contact the vendor that sold you the device. It may be possible to retrieve the logged data.

# The Points Table

To display the Points table, choose **Points Table** from the View menu. Choose **Points Table** again to hide the Points table.

The Points table lists logger data in a table. The Points table is linked to the graph: only the data for the sensor measurements, states, and events displayed on the graph are listed in the Points table.

The data points are listed chronologically. All the measurements, state changes, and events recorded by the logger at a given time are listed in a single row. Each series is displayed in a column. You can resize the columns by clicking and dragging the dividers between the column headers.

Use the arrow keys or scroll bars to move up, down, left, and right in the Points table. Additionally, as you click the crosshair tool  in the graph, the corresponding point is selected in the Points table; if you click a value or event cell in the Points table, the crosshair will appear on the graph at the time corresponding to that cell.

To print the points, go to the File menu and choose **Print Points** (available only with Java 1.5 or higher). To copy points, use the mouse to select the cells you want to copy, then press **Ctrl+Command-C** to copy them to the clipboard.

**Tip:** You can export the data points to a text file for use in Microsoft® Excel® or other programs.

To resize the pane, drag the divider between the Points table and the graph.

If you want the Points table to be displayed by default when you view data, go to Preferences. On the Plotting pane, in **Layout**, enable the "Show the points table when plotting data" option.

# Saving Files

HOBOWare Lite allows you to save data in datafiles and project files:

- A datafile (.hobo) is an unmodified record of the data that was in the logger when you read it out. You can change the appearance of the plot, but if you want to save those changes, you must save a project file. The original datafile remains intact.
- A project file (.hproj) is a plot that has been customized by zooming, panning, adding or deleting series, placing the crosshair, changing series and axis properties, etc. When you open a project file, the plot appears as it did when you saved the project file, and contains all of the same data.

Although you can save a project file without saving the original datafile, we strongly recommend saving datafiles so that you will always have access to the original data that was read out from the logger.

## Saving a datafile

After reading out a logger, HOBOWare Lite automatically asks if you want to save the datafile. Onset strongly recommends that you save the datafile at this time.


If you decline, the plot is displayed with a name like "Untitled 1\*" on the tab. The asterisk signifies that the data has not been saved. To save the logger data as a datafile:

1. From the File menu, choose **Save Datafile**.
2. Select a location for the file, if necessary, and enter a name for the file.
3. Click the **Save** button.

You can only save the data to a datafile once.

## Saving a .hproj project file

Changes that you make to the appearance or content of the plot are not retained when you save the datafile. For example, if you have pasted series from another plot, created new axes and zoomed in, those changes will be lost unless you save them in a project file.

To save your current data with a customized view of the plot, click the Save icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Save Project** from the File menu. To open an existing project file, choose **Open Project** from the File menu.

# Exporting Details

## Overview

You can export the information in the Details pane to a text file, which can be opened in any text editor, or imported into many other types of programs (word processors, spreadsheets, etc.).

To configure HOBOWare Lite to automatically export the data to a text file every time the logger is read out, see Export Settings.

## Steps

To export details:

1. Make sure the Details pane includes the series you want to export. This might include series pasted from other datafiles, or series derived through filters.
2. From the File menu, select **Export Details**.
3. Accept the default file name, or type a new name and click **Save**.

# Exporting Points

## Overview

You can export the points shown in the Points table to a text file (.csv or .txt) for importing into Microsoft Excel and other applications.


## Before You Begin

To change the year format and time format, column separators, or include serial numbers in the export file, go to Preferences.

Year and date format controls are located on the Display pane. Column separators (delimiters) and serial number export options are located under the **Export Settings** group on the General pane.

## Steps

To export points:

1. Make sure the Points table includes the series you want to export. This might include series pasted from other datafiles, or series derived through filters.
2. Click the Export icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Export as Excel Text** from the File menu.

The Export Options dialog displays.

3. To export all of the data in a single file, choose **Export to a single file** and click **Export**. In the Save dialog, accept the default location and file name, or enter a new location and name and click **Save**.
4. To split the data over multiple files (particularly important if your data cannot fit in a single spreadsheet), choose **Export to multiple files** and make your selections:
  - Indicate the maximum **Number of rows per file**. Consult the documentation that came with your spreadsheet program to find out the maximum number of rows it accepts, and remember to leave room for header rows.
  - Accept the default **Export Location**, or click **Choose** to use a different location. (The default location creates a new folder for the files.)
  - Accept the default **Filename Prefix** (based on the datafile name), or enter a new one. The export file names will consist of this text plus "\_PageX," where X indicates the order of the files (starting with 0).
  - Click **Export**.

You can now open the file(s) in Excel or another package. You can easily view the raw data in a text editor.

# Formatting the date/time column in Excel

In Excel, dates and times for each data point may initially appear as #####. Times also may not have seconds listed.

## Steps

To display the full date and time with seconds in Excel:

1. Adjust the time column so you can see the whole date and time.
2. Select the time column from row 3 down.
3. From the Format menu, click **Cells**.
4. Select the **Custom** category and then select **m/d/yyyy h:mm** as the type.
5. Add ":ss" (or ":ss.000" if you used a fast logging interval) to the end of the string in the **Type** field:  
*m/d/yyyy h:mm:ss (normal logging interval)*  
*m/d/yyyy h:mm:ss.000 (fast logging interval)*
6. Click **OK**. The seconds should be listed automatically.

To export the date and time in separate columns go to Preferences > General > Export Settings and enable the *Date and time format: Separate into two columns*.

# Copying Data

To copy data from the Points table:

1. Select the data with the mouse.
2. Press **Command-C** to copy it.
3. Open any text editor, word processor, or spreadsheet software and press **Command-V** to paste it in.


Fields are delimited by tabs, and records are separated by paragraph returns.

You can also copy the graph as a bitmap for pasting into other programs and documents. The graph must be visible when you do this.

With the graph visible, select **Copy Graph to Clipboard from the Edit menu**.



# Closing a Plot

To close a plot, click the Close icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Close** from the File menu. If you are in tabbed view, you can also click the Close icon on the tab of the plot. If you are not using the tabbed view, you can click the red button in the upper-left corner of the internal frame containing the plot.

If you attempt to close a plot showing data that has not been saved as a datafile, a message appears asking if you wish to save the data in a file. Unless you are sure you do not need the data, it is strongly recommended that you save the file.

To close all plots, choose **Close All** from the File menu.

**NOTE:** If you are sure that you do not want HOBOWare Lite to prompt you to save a plot as a datafile when you close it: go to Preferences > Warnings > **General** and clear the checkmark next to "Prompt me if there is any remaining unsaved data when closing plot or application."

# Linear Scaling

This feature is supported only on U12 loggers that have external channels that can log voltage or 4-20mA. If your logger supports scaling, you will see a **Scaling** button on the Launch window for your logger.

Linear scaling allows you to convert recorded logger data to some other measurement by entering new values that correspond with the logged values.

The conversion must be based on a linear relationship. If the relationship is based on a curve, linear scaling will not give accurate results.


For information about linear scaling of FlexSmart modules or Analog Sensor Ports, see Configuring Modules/Ports on page 1.

For information about the Linear Scaling Data Assistant, refer to the *Linear Scaling Data Assistant User's Guide*.


## Steps

Select an external channel to activate the **Scaling** button.

To set up scaling for an external channel:

1. Attach the logger and access the Launch window.
2. Select the external channel(s) and choose the applicable input cable(s) from the drop-down list. A small icon  appears next to the input cable name to indicate that linear scaling is available.
3. Click the **Scaling** button. The Scaling dialog will appear.
4. Click a channel name in the **Channel** list, then click the **Scale Channel** box to activate scaling for that channel.
5. Enter a descriptive name for the new, scaled channel in the **Scaled Channel Name** field.
6. In the **Scaled** column of the Parameters box, enter the units name for the scaled series, and enter the scaled values in the **Scaled** column to correspond with the numbers in the **Raw** column. These values are used to establish a linear relationship between raw and scaled values.

The default values in the **Raw** column are based on the high and low values supported by the input cable, but you may use different values, as long as those values fall within the cable's range.

7. To set up linear scaling for another channel, repeat from step 4.
8. Click **OK** to return to the Launch window and proceed as usual. The small icon  next to the input cable name will now be colored green to indicate that linear scaling has been set up.
9. When you read out the logger, the new, scaled series will be listed in the Plot Setup dialog along with any other channels you logged.

# WORKING WITH A GRAPH

## Working with a Graph

A graph is a visual representation of the series you selected to view when you opened the plot.

### Graph Components

A graph includes:

#### X axes

Also called the *time axes*; displays the time ranges for the data.

#### Y axes


Also called the *value axes*; displays the values for all sensor series, such as temperature in degrees Fahrenheit or Celsius, or battery level in Volts.

#### Title

Title of the graph (default is the description entered at launch).


#### Legend

Displays the keys (colors or markers) for each sensor series, state, and event, as well as the units for each series.

For .hsec files, a padlock icon  appears in the legend next to the names of the series that were verified as original data.

# Pasting a Series from Another Plot


To combine data from multiple plots:

1. Display the source plot (the plot which includes the series you want to copy) and the destination plot (the plot where you want to paste the series).
2. On the source plot, choose the arrow tool  and select the series you want to copy.
3. Right-click and choose **Copy Series** from the pop-up menu.  
Or, press **Command-C**.
4. With the arrow tool, right-click anywhere on the destination plot and choose **Paste Series** from the pop-up menu.  
Or, press **Command-V**.


The new series is added to the graph, the Details pane, and the Points pane.

# Overlaying Series

If the series you are comparing were logged at different times, you will need to make some adjustments to the plot in order to view the series together.

1. Display the source plot(s) and the destination plot.
2. On the destination plot, choose the arrow tool 
3. Double-click the time axis to access the Axis Properties dialog.
4. In the Axis Properties dialog, give the axis a unique **Name**
5. Click **Done**.
6. Copy a series from a source plot.
7. Paste the series into the destination plot.

When you paste the series, a new time axis will appear on the graph.


8. Double-click the new time axis to access the Axis Properties dialog.
9. Give the axis a unique **Name**
10. Click **Done**.
11. Repeat steps 6-10 for each series you want to paste.
12. Identify the periods of interest in each series you want to combine and note the times for each. Also, determine which period is the longest; this should be the length of time shown on each axis.
13. Double-click a time axis and adjust its **Min** and **Max** bounds. The new bounds should include the period of interest for the series, and be the same length as the longest period identified in step 4. Repeat for each time axis.
14. Use the hand tool  on each time axis to adjust the series horizontally as needed.

# Filtering a Series

You can create a new series based on statistical analysis of an existing series over specified periods of time.

## Steps

To use the filtering function:

1. Choose the arrow tool  and select the series you want to filter.
2. Right-click and choose **Filter Series** from the pop-up menu.
3. Choose the type of statistic to use for the filter:
  - For sensor series, you can create a series showing the minimum, maximum, or average over a period of time.
  - For state series, you can create a series showing the percentage of time the state was high, percentage of time the state was low, number of seconds high, number of seconds low, total 0-to-1 changes, or total 1-to-0 changes over a period of time.
  - For external event series, you can create a series showing a cumulative sum, or a count over a period of time.
  - For internal event series, you can create a series showing a count over a period of time.
4. Specify the interval over which you want these values to be calculated.
5. Enter a new **Resultant Series Name**, if desired.
6. Click **OK**. The new series is added to the graph, the Details pane, and the Points pane.


**NOTE:** When you apply a filter, the graph rescales to accommodate all of the displayed data.

# Removing a Series from a Plot

You can remove sensor, state, and event data series from the plot. This is helpful if the datafile contains multiple series and you cannot easily view them all together.

## Steps

To remove a series from a plot:

1. Select the arrow tool  from the toolbar.
2. Click the series you wish to remove and press the **Delete** key, or right-click the series and choose **Remove** from the menu that appears.

On a laptop computer press **Fn-Delete**.

A warning appears, indicating that the only way to add the series back to the plot is to reopen the plot.

3. Click **Yes**.

The series is removed from the graph, the Details pane, and the Points table.

# Labeling a Graph


You can add labels to a graph to identify specific points or call attention to a region of the graph.

## Steps

To add a label to the graph:

1. Right-click the graph and choose **Add Graph Label** from the pop-up menu; or, choose **Add Graph Label** from the Edit menu. The Label Properties dialog appears.
2. In the Label Properties dialog, enter a name for the label.
3. Set other properties and click **Done**.

**Important:** The **Location** indicates the preferred location of the label (space permitting) with respect to the data point it references. This is available only when the label is attached to a series.

4. Use the hand tool  to drag the label to the desired location. If the label is attached to a series, you can drag the label to attach it to any other point on the graph. (The hand tool must be close enough to a point to attach the label.)

Labels that are attached to a point will move with that point during zooming and panning. Free-floating labels do not move during zooming and panning.


To delete a label from the graph, select the label you wish to remove and press the **Delete** key (**Fn-Delete** on a laptop computer). Or, right-click the label and choose **Remove** from the menu that appears.



# Using the Crosshair Tool

Use the crosshair tool to zero in on a specific date and time in the plot and any data points associated with that date and time.

1. Select the crosshair tool:

Click the Crosshair icon  on the toolbar, or press the **C** key on your keyboard

2. Click a point on the graph to mark it.
3. Click another point to move the marker.

**NOTE:** When you click on a graph, HOBOWare Lite selects the nearest data point. When series are very close together, and the location you click is between two points, it is possible that the nearest point is not on the series you clicked.

You can also mark the point on the graph by clicking the corresponding cell in the Points table.

## Scrolling

Normally, if you are zoomed in and click a point in the Points table that is outside the zoom area, HOBOWare will scroll to the marked point's area of the graph. If you do not want HOBOWare to scroll, change the setting under **Points Table & Details Pane** on the Plotting preference pane.

## Changes to Plot

The plot changes in several ways when the crosshair is in use. The Points pane shifts to the row that contains the data point. Where the crosshair intersects a data point, a square surrounds the data point. The intersection points are also marked by small color-coded arrows on the left and right value axes.

## Legend

If the legend is displayed next to the graph, the point values for each series are updated to reflect the crosshair location. Values are listed in the legend differently depending on whether the data is a logged sample, state, or event:

- Values that are not in parentheses are actual data points logged at the time selected by the crosshair.
- Values in parentheses are estimated because there were no exact values for the series at the time selected by the crosshair. Zoom in or move the crosshair to see actual values.
- A value of "..." indicates that there is no series data during the time selected. This is seen most frequently for events. If the time selection falls within an event series, but does not contain an event, parentheses surround the "..." value.
- A value of "logged" indicates an internal logger event happened at the selected time.

**NOTE:** The legend must expand in height to list the point values. If your application window is too small to accommodate the expanded height, the values will not be added to the legend. You can still refer to the Points table to find the values of the selected points.

## Removing the Crosshair

To remove the crosshair from the graph, right-click on the graph and select **Remove Crosshair** from the pop-up menu. Or, choose **Remove Crosshair** from the View menu.

# The Hand Tool


## Overview

Use the hand tool to move different areas of the graph into view or adjust the position of one series so it can be viewed more easily. This is particularly useful when you are zoomed into the graph and want to see another section of the graph without zooming out and then zooming back in on the new location.

**NOTE:** Panning will not work on an axis that is locked. To unlock an axis, double-click the axis with the arrow tool and clear the checkmark next to **Lock Axis Scaling and Tick Marks**.

## Using the Hand Tool

There are two ways to select the hand tool:

- Click the Hand icon  on the toolbar; or
- Press the **H** key on your keyboard.

## Pan Across Graph

Click within the graph and hold down the left mouse button to pan a different section of the graph into view. The graph follows the movement of the mouse, and the axes are continuously updated in response to the movement. To stop dragging, release the left mouse button.

## Restrict Motion

Hold down the **X** key while dragging to restrict motion horizontally. Hold down the **Y** key while dragging to restrict motion vertically.

## Pan One Sseries at a time

Click the axis associated with the series and hold down the left mouse button. Only the series connected with the axis will follow the movement of the mouse.

# The Zoom Tool


## Overview

Use the zoom tool to focus on one area of the graph, allowing you to see more detail.

**NOTE:** Zooming will not work on an axis that is locked. To unlock an axis, double-click the axis with the arrow tool and clear the checkmark next to **Lock Axis Scaling and Tick Marks**.

## Using the Zoom Tool

To select the zoom tool:

- Click the Zoom icon  on the toolbar; or
- Press the **Z** key on your keyboard.

## Toggle

Right-click to toggle between zoom in and zoom out.

## Zoom Direction

Check the symbol inside the zoom tool to determine the direction you are zooming. A plus sign (+) or arrows pointing outward will zoom in, while a minus sign (-) or arrows pointing in will zoom out.

## Level

Click an area on the graph inside the axes to zoom one level (a factor of two). Continue clicking to zoom multiple levels.

## Zoom Continuously

Hold down the left mouse button in one location to zoom continuously. Release the mouse button to stop zooming.



## Zoom in Area

Hold down the left mouse button while drawing a rectangle around the area you wish to zoom in on, then click inside the rectangle. The area inside the rectangle expands to fill the whole graph.

## Restrict Motion


Hold down the **X** key while zooming to restrict motion horizontally. Hold down the **Y** key while zooming to restrict motion vertically.

**Tip:** If you are currently working with the crosshair, arrow, or hand tool, you can click the Zoom In/Out

icons  and  on the toolbar to quickly zoom into and out of the middle of the display without changing tools.

# Resetting the Scale

You can easily reset the scale to accommodate all of the displayed data. This is very helpful when you have zoomed or panned several times and want to quickly go back to the original scale.


Click the Revert icon  on the toolbar, or choose **View Full Scale** from the View menu. The X and Y axes are rescaled to show the full duration and values of all displayed data. Any customizations to properties and crosshair location are retained when you return to the original graph, but this removes any adjustments to the view that you made by zooming or dragging with the hand tool. (If you deleted any series, they will not be included in the rescaling.)

# Organizing Plots


Use the Window menu to organize several plots.

The following selections are available from this menu:


- **Tabbed View:**

Lays the plots as tabs so that you can see the file name of each open plot (or "Untitled\*" for an unsaved datafile). You can also get to this view by clicking the Tabs icon  in the lower left of the HOBOWare Lite window.

- **Tile Horizontally:**

Arranges up to five plots horizontally. If six or more plots are open, they will be tiled as a grid. You can also get to this view by clicking the Horizontal Tile icon  in the lower left of the HOBOWare Lite window.

- **Tile Vertically:**

Arranges up to five plots vertically. If six or more plots are open, they will be tiled as a grid. You can also get to this view by clicking the Vertical Tile icon  in the lower left of the HOBOWare Lite window.


You can open the same datafile multiple times to create different views of the graph, then use the Tile commands on the Window menu (or resize and move the windows manually) to see all of them at once. This is helpful if you want to zoom in on several different areas and view them side-by-side, see the detail of a small area while the full graph is still in view, or view each series in a different window.

# Customizing a Plot

## Changing Unit System



You can switch between US and SI (Metric) measurements while the plot is open.

To change the units of an individual series, right-click the series with the arrow tool and choose **Convert Series Units**. Select the new unit type from the drop-down list.

To change the units for multiple series, click the Units icon  on the toolbar. For each series, select the units from the drop-down list, then click **Convert**.

This changes the units displayed on the axis, in the legend, in the Details pane, and in the Points table.


## Displaying Gridlines

By default, vertical gridlines are always shown for the time axes; horizontal gridlines are not shown. You can use the gridline icons  and  on the toolbar, or a **Gridlines** item on the View menu, to toggle all horizontal or all vertical gridlines on and off.

You may also toggle gridlines on and off for each axis individually. Using the arrow tool, double-click an axis to get the Axis Properties dialog. Check the **Show Gridlines** box to display gridlines for that axis, or clear the **Show Gridlines** box to hide the gridlines.

Use the **Gridlines** options on the Plotting pane in Preferences to control whether plots open with horizontal and/or vertical gridlines displayed.

## Marking Points

By default, points on a series are usually not marked. You can use the **Mark All Points** item on the View menu, or the Mark Points icon  on the toolbar, to toggle all point markers on and off.

You may also toggle Mark Points on and off for each series individually. Using the arrow tool, right-click a series to get the context menu, then choose **Mark Points**.

To control whether plots open with all points marked by default, use the **Mark all points when plotting data** option on the Plotting pane in Preferences (under **Other Options**).

**Tip:** Opening a large plot with all points marked takes longer and consumes more system memory.


## Smart Scaling

When you first display a graph, the numerical bounds of the axes are on tick marks. After you have panned or zoomed, this may no longer be the case. Use smart scaling to adjust the axes to end on tick marks. With the hand, arrow, or crosshair tool, right-click anywhere on the graph and select **SmartScale Graph**.

## Changing the Order of a Series

You can shuffle the order of series by moving a series to the front or back. This is helpful if one series is hidden behind another. It also changes the order of series in the Details pane, Points table, and the legend.

To change the order of the series:

1. Select the arrow tool  from the toolbar.
2. Select the series you wish to move.
3. Right-click and select either **Bring Series to Front** or **Send Series to Back**.

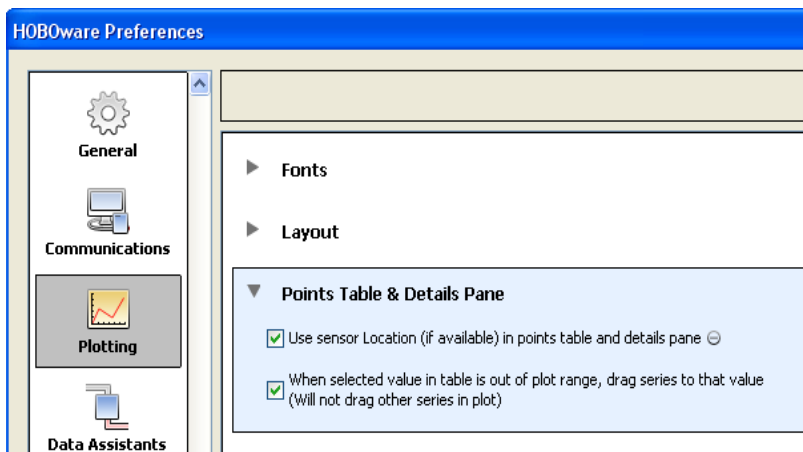
**NOTE:** After you adjust the order of the series for optimal viewing, copy the graph as a bitmap to paste into other programs, such as Microsoft Word or PowerPoint®.

## Changing Font Size in Plots

By default, most text in a graph is 9 points. Use the **Font Size for Plots** option on the Plotting pane in Preferences to re-size the font (from 8 to 14 points).

## Hiding Sensor Locations

By default, the location string for a station-type logger sensor is shown in the Points or Details panes. If you do not want to include the sensor locations, deselect *Use sensor Location* in the **Plotting Preferences**, as shown below.




# Printing Graphs, Points, or Details


## Printing a Graph

You can simply print the graph, or you can set up the page and preview it before printing.

To set up the paper for printing the graph:

1. From the File menu, choose **Page Setup**.
2. Change the paper type, orientation, and margins as necessary and click **OK**.
3. To preview how the graph will look on the page: from the File menu, choose **Print Preview**.
4. Zoom as necessary
5. Click the Print icon  to print directly from Print Preview. Or, click **Close** to exit the preview window without printing.

To print the graph:

1. Click the Print icon  on the toolbar, or choose **Print** from the File menu.
2. Select the appropriate printer, if applicable, and click **OK**.

## Printing Points and Details

You can print all of the data in the Points or Details panes. From the **File** menu, select **Print Points** (available only with Java 1.5 or higher) or *Print Details*.

If you highlight a selection of points with your mouse before choosing *Print Points*, you will also be given the option to print only the selected points.



# CUSTOMIZING GRAPH PROPERTIES

## Overview

You can change aspects of the graph as you analyze the data. Use the arrow tool to select different components in the graph.

### Options

There are many ways you can adjust and customize the graph:

- Add series by pasting or filtering
- Remove series
- Add labels
- Zero in on specific data points with the crosshair tool
- Zoom in and out
- Pan a zoomed area of the plot
- Reset the scale to accommodate all displayed events and series
- Change axis, label, legend, series, title, or view properties
- Use miscellaneous plot controls


After you have adjusted and customized the graph, save your work in a project (.hproj) file.

**Important:** Property changes are not saved when you close the datafile. To preserve these changes, you can paste a bitmap of the graph into other programs, or save changes to the plot in a .hproj project file.

### Subset Statistics

#### Using the Arrow Tool

There are two ways to select the arrow tool:

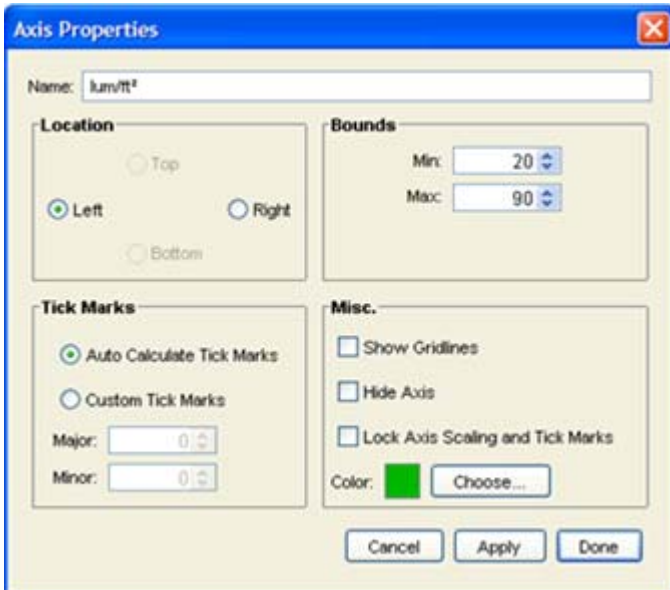
- Click the Arrow icon  on the toolbar; or
- Press the **A** key on your keyboard

**Tip:** If you are currently using another tool and do not want to switch tools, you can press the **N** (next) key on your keyboard to select each graph item (including hidden items, such as value axes for states or events) in sequence.


The selected item (if visible) is shaded or boxed. You can then right-click the selected item, double-click it, or press the **Enter** key on your keyboard to open the Properties window for that item.

To deselect, click an area within the axes that does not have series data; click the **View** menu and choose *Select None*; or press *D* on your keyboard.

# Axis Properties Dialog



There are two types of axes: time axes and value axes. The time axis is the x axis, which lists the dates and times for the datafile. The value axis is the y axis, which lists the range of values for the series (for example, the temperature axis displays degrees in Fahrenheit or Celsius). The graph can contain several value axes depending on the number of series displayed.

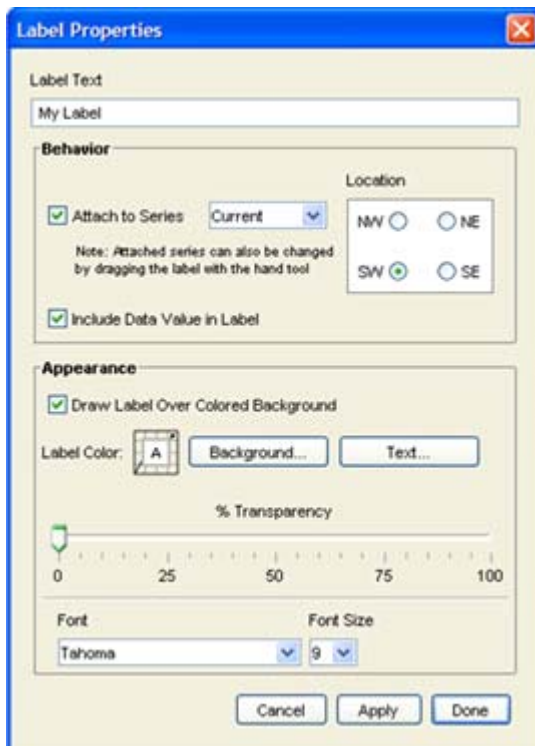
To change the axis properties, double-click the axis you wish to modify with the arrow tool. Or, select the axis and click the Properties icon .


The following options are available on the Axis Properties dialog:

- **Name:** Enter up to a 40-character name for the axis. The default name for a value axis is the unit type (for example, "°F" is the name for a temperature axis and "%" is the name for an RH axis).  
Normally, the time axis is not named when you display a plot. If you want plots to open with the time axis labeled as "Time" by default, change the setting under **Other Options** on the Plotting pane in Preferences.
- **Location:** Change the location of the axis. The time axis can be located at the top or bottom. The value axes can be located on the left or right.
- **Min:** Enter the minimum value you want displayed for the axis. For the time axis, you can select a date and time.
- **Max:** Enter the maximum value you want displayed for the axis. For the time axis, you can select a date and time.
- **Auto-calculate tick marks or custom tick marks:** Tick marks are the lines that represent values on the axis. Numbers or values are listed next to major tick marks; minor tick marks are not numbered. By default, tick marks are automatically calculated for both the time and value axes. Choose the **Custom Tick Marks** option to specify different major and minor tick marks for the axis.
- **Show Gridlines:** Toggles whether gridlines are displayed in the background. By default, gridlines are shown for the time axis only.
- **Hide Axis:** Toggles whether the axis is displayed or temporarily hidden. Axes for sensor series are visible by default.
- **Lock Axis Scaling and Tick Marks:** Toggles whether the axis and associated tick marks remain in the original position when zooming or navigating with the hand tool. Locking the axis and tick marks helps to avoid inadvertently zooming or navigating to an area on the graph without data.

- **Color:** Changes the color of the axis. Black is the default color for the time axis. The color of the value axis matches the series color by default.


# Label Properties Dialog



To change a label's properties, double-click the label. Or, select the label and click the Properties icon .

To add a label to the plot, right-click the graph and choose **Add Graph Label** from the pop-up menu.


The following options are available on the Label Properties dialog:

- **Label Text:** Enter up to a 24-character name for the label.
- **Attach to Series:** To attach the label to a point on a series, check this box and choose the name of the series from the drop-down list. (After you exit this dialog, you can use the hand tool  to drag the label to the correct point.)
- **Include Data Value in Label:** If the label is attached to a series, check this box to have the label show the value of the labeled point.
- **Location:** If the label is attached to a series, choose a compass point to describe the preferred position of the label relative to the labeled point.
- **Draw Label Over Colored Background:** Check this box if you want the label to appear in a box with a colored background.
- **Label Color Background:** If you chose to give the label a colored background, click this button to select a background color.
- **Label Color Text:** Click this button to select a color for the label text.
- **% Transparency:** Adjust the label's transparency. Transparency refers to the ability to see the graph through the label. At 0%, the label is opaque, and you cannot see the graph through it. At 100%, the label is invisible, and only the graph can be seen.
- **Font:** Select a font for the label text.
- **Font Size:** Select a font size for the label text.

# Legend Properties

The legend is the area that lists the keys for each series (line colors and marker types). If the crosshair is in use, it also lists the date, time and point values currently selected by the crosshair.

**Tip:** To quickly hide or display the legend, click the View menu and select **Show Legend**.


To change the legend properties, double-click the legend. Or, select the legend and click the Properties icon .

The following options are available on the Legend Properties dialog:

- **Name:** Enter up to a 40-character title for the legend. There is no default name.
- **Location:** Move the legend to either the left or right side of the graph. By default, the legend appears on the right.
- **Show Border:** Toggles whether a box is drawn around the legend. By default, a border is shown.

# Series Properties Dialog




The series is the group of data points for the sensor measurement, state, or event you selected to display in the plot. To change series properties, double-click the series you wish to modify. Or, select the series and click the Properties icon .

The following options are available on the Series Properties dialog:

- **Description:** Enter up to a 40-character name for the series. The series name is displayed in the legend. The default name for a series with sensor data is the property that was measured and the units used to display the measurements. The default name for a series with event or state data is the type of event or state.
- **Units:** Enter the unit type in this field, if it is different from the default. If, while viewing the plot, you convert to another type of unit, the text you enter here will change to the default name for the unit you chose.
- **Connect Points:** Toggles whether the points in this series are connected. This option is selected by default for most series; it is not selected for internal logger events.
- **Style:** Changes the appearance of the line used to connect the points in a series. The default varies depending on how many series measuring the same property are being viewed.
- **Width:** Changes the size or weight of the line used to connect the points in a series. The default is 1 point.
- **Connect as Steps:** Toggles whether the lines between the points in a series are connected as a curve or a step. When this option is selected, the line drawn between points keeps the value of the previous point until the next point in the series. This is useful for state or event graphs. This option is not selected by default for sensor series.
- **Mark Points:** Toggles whether a marker appears at each data point in this series. By default, this option is selected for any series with event data or only one point; to avoid cluttering the graph, it is not selected by default for other series.
- **Marker:** Changes the shape of the marker used. The default marker varies depending on how many series are being viewed.
- **Point size:** Changes the point size for the marker.

- **Enable Alarms:** Available for sensor measurement series only; not available for state or event series. Toggles whether red and blue alarm lines are shown on the graph for this series. Use an alarm line when you want to indicate a visual threshold over or under which data may be falling (for example, if you want to quickly see how many points fall below 32 degrees). Alarm lines are turned off by default.
  - o For **High Alarm**, enter a value relative to the series where you want the maximum (red) alarm line to appear.
  - o For **Low Alarm**, enter a value relative to the series where you want the minimum (blue) alarm line to appear.
- **Time Axis:** Allows you to create an additional time axis for this series. This is useful when you want to compare data from two different time periods.
- **Value Axis:** Changes the axis being used for the series. Choose one of the axes already in view, or select **New Value Axis** from the dropdown list to create your own.
- **Color:** Changes the color used for the series. The default color varies depending on how many series are displayed on the graph.

# Title Properties

The title is the name of the graph. To change the title properties, double-click the title. Or, select the title and click the Properties icon .


The following options are available on the Title Properties dialog:

- **Name:** Enter up to a 40-character title for the graph. By default, the name is the description entered when launching the logger.
- **Location:** Move the title to either the top or bottom of the graph. The default location is the top of the graph.
- **Font:** Select a font type, size, and appearance.

**Tip:** To quickly hide or display the title, click the View menu and select **Show Title**.



# View Properties

The view controls the general aspects of the graph. To change the view properties, deselect all graph elements, then double-click the plot with the arrow tool. Or, click a blank area of the graph and click the Properties icon .

The following options are available on the View Properties dialog:

- **Show Legend:** Toggles whether the legend is displayed on the graph. The legend is shown by default.
- **Show Title:** Toggles whether the title is displayed for the graph. The title is shown by default.
- **Show Border:** Toggles whether a border is displayed around the graph. By default, a border is not shown.

# CUSTOMIZING HOBOWARE PREFERENCES

## Setting Preferences

You can change the default behavior of HOBOWare in the following categories.

- General
- Communications
- Plotting
- Display
- Warnings

To change preferences, go to *HOBOWare > Preferences* and then the category.

Preference settings are unique for each user login on your computer.

To quickly change some key preferences or to install new data assistants, use the

## Restoring Default Preferences

To return all preferences to their original settings for a user login, in the Preferences pane click the **Restore Defaults** button. A warning appears, asking if you are sure you want to continue. Click **Yes**. The preference defaults are restored.

In addition to the preferences on these panes, HOBOWare retains the following:

- Data File Folder Locations  
Each user account's preferred folder locations for datafiles (.hobo, .hsec), text files (.csv or .txt), and project (.hproj) files. The three folder locations are tracked separately based on the folders you last accessed. When you restore the preference defaults, the default folder for each file type is reset to the HOBOWare folder in your Documents folder.
- HOBOWare software updates  
The date and time of the most recent check for HOBOWare software updates. When you restore the preference defaults, HOBOWare will not retain this date, and will offer to check for updates the next time you restart HOBOWare.

# Preferences - Warnings

Some HOBOWare warning dialogs offer you a checkbox to disable the warning so that you do not see it again. You can manage (and re-enable) these warnings in the Warnings pane.

Warnings are listed in three groups: general, pre-launch, and post-launch. To enable all of the warnings in a group, click the **Select All** button for that group.

To disable all of the warnings in a group, click the **Select None** button for that group. Before you do so, however, keep in mind that the warnings are intended to help prevent mistakes and inadvertent data loss. Review each warning carefully before disabling it.

# Display Preferences

The following preferences are available on the Display pane:

## *Default Units*

- **Unit System.** This setting allows you to set a default of US or SI (Metric) units throughout HOBOWare Lite. It changes the units in the **Current Readings** the next time you display the Status window, and the default units in the axis, legend, points, and details the next time you display a plot. The default is **US**.

## *Date/Time*

- **Year Format.** Controls whether HOBOWare Lite displays the last two digits of the year, or all four digits. The default is **2-digit Year**. Changing this setting will cause all open plots to be redrawn.
- **Time Format.** Controls whether HOBOWare Lite displays the time in a 12-hour or 24-hour format. The default is **12-Hour**. Changing this setting will cause all open plots to be redrawn.

When you create an export file, the date and time are exported as they appear in the Points table. If you open the file in Excel, they are automatically reformatted to Excel's default date and time format, which you may customize within Excel.

# Plotting Preferences

The following preferences are available on the Plotting pane:

## Fonts

- **Font Size for Plots**

Controls the size of most text on the graph. The default is 9 points, but you can also choose 8, 10, 11, 12, or 14. The plot title will default to two points larger than the selected font size.

## Layout

- **Show the details pane when plotting data.**

By default, the Details pane is not open when you display a plot. If you want the Details pane to be shown when you display a plot, check this box.

- **Show the points table when plotting data.**

By default, the Points table is not open when you display a plot. If you want the Points table to be shown when you display a plot, check this box.

## Points Table & Details Pane

- **When selected value in table is out of plot range, drag series to that value.** Normally, if you are zoomed in and click a point in the Points table that is outside the zoom area, HOBOWare Lite will scroll the marked point into view while retaining your zoom factor. Clear this box if you do not want HOBOWare Lite to scroll.

## Gridlines

- **Enable horizontal gridlines when plotting data.**

By default, horizontal gridlines are not displayed when you open a plot. Enable this option if you always want a new plot to display gridlines for all value axes.

- **Enable vertical gridlines when plotting data.**

By default, vertical gridlines are always displayed when you open a plot. Clear this checkbox if you never want a new plot to display gridlines for the time axis.

## Plot Setup

- **Automatically select all data series for plotting**

By default, when you read out a logger or open a datafile, some series (such as Dew Point) are not selected for display on the Plot Setup dialog. Enable this option if you want every series to be selected.

- **Automatically select internal events for plotting (e.g. Button Up/Down, Host Connected, EOF)**

When you open a plot, internal events are selected by default on the Plot Setup dialog. Clear this box if you usually do not want to see these events.

## Other Options

- **Mark all points when plotting data**

By default, when you display a plot, point markers are displayed for any series with event data. Otherwise, to avoid cluttering the graph, point markers are not displayed. Enable this option if you want all points to be marked on every series whenever you display a plot. On a large plot, marking all points takes longer and consumes more system memory.

Series that consist of only one point are always marked.

- **Label the time axis**

By default, the time axis is not labeled when you display a plot. If you enable this preference, the time axis will have a default name of "Time" when you open a plot.

- **When plotting multiple series of the same unit type:**

By default, if there are multiple series of the same unit type (for example, temperature and dew point series in degrees Fahrenheit), HOBOWare Lite plots all of the series in the same color, and uses a different line style (solid, dashed, dotted, etc.) for each. Choose **Use a different color for each series** instead if you prefer each series to have a solid line in a different color. The series will still be attached to a single, common axis, but only one series will match the axis color.

# Communication Preferences

The following preferences are available on the Communications pane:

## Device Speeds

- **USB logger readout: Fast readout enabled** allows the computer to read out your logger quickly. Disable this option only if you are having communication problems with the logger. Communication between the computer and the logger is slower when this option is turned off.

## Other Options

- **Close the status window on logger disconnect or communication error.** When this option is selected, the Status window closes automatically (on the next refresh) if it is open when you remove the interface cable, base station, or coupler from the logger, or if communication is interrupted for another reason. Otherwise, it is left open. (If the Status window was opened from the Launch window, it will close automatically even if this option is not selected.)

# General Preferences

## Launch Time-Saving Options

See Launch Time-Saving Options

## Readout Time-Saving Options

See Readout Time-Saving Options

### *Open File Time-Saving Options*

#### **When opening a datafile:**

By default, when opening a datafile, HOBOWare Pro displays the . To bypass this dialog and plot automatically, choose **Automatically plot**.

## Export Settings

See "Export Settings" on page

### *Selecting Devices*

Normally, when multiple loggers are connected, HOBOWare displays a window listing all connected loggers every time you choose a logger operation, such as launch, readout, status, or stop. This allows you to choose the device you want to work with before continuing with the command, and it ensures that you are always working with the logger you expect.

#### **Only show Select Device window if a device has not been selected**

Select this option if you do not want to be prompted by the Select Device window every time you choose a logger operation. You will still be prompted the first time you try to communicate with a logger, but your logger selection will remain in effect until you change it manually with the **Select Device** command on the Device menu.



# Readout Time-Saving Options

## **When saving datafile**

By default, HOBOWare Pro displays a save dialog after you read out a file. This allows you to specify a location and name for the file, or decline to save the file. If you want to skip the save dialog, choose Automatically save. The file will be saved automatically with a default name (based on the launch description) and in the default location.

## **When plotting**

By default, after reading out a logger and being prompted to save the datafile, HOBOWare Pro displays the Plot Setup dialog. To bypass this dialog (including Data Assistants) and plot automatically, choose Automatically plot. To skip the dialog without displaying the plot (useful if you are reading out many loggers now and prefer to look at the plots later), choose Do not plot.

## **Ask to stop logging before reading out a running logger**

When this option is selected, a prompt appears every time you read out a logger that is logging, asking whether you want to stop the logger or let it continue logging data during readout. If this option is not selected, the logger will always continue logging during readout.

## **Reading Out Multiple Loggers**

When used in conjunction with a Default Action of Readout, the Readout Time-Saving Options allow you to read out many U-Series loggers in a row simply by plugging and unplugging individual loggers. To do this, set these options as follows: When saving datafile: Automatically save When plotting: Do not plot Ask to stop logging...: Disabled (unchecked) Then, from the Device menu, choose a Default Action of Readout. (The Default Action will reset to Do Nothing the next time you start HOBOWare Pro.)

# Startup Preferences

## **Show splash screen on startup**

By default, the splash screen appears when you start , to let you know that the software is loading. If you clear this checkbox, the splash screen will not display.

You can still display it manually by choosing About from the HOBOWare menu.

## **Check for HOBOWare updates:**

If you have an Internet connection, can periodically ask if you would like it to check the Onset website for updates to HOBOWare. The default is once per week, but you can configure to check daily or monthly.

If you do not have an Internet connection, or if you would prefer to check for updates manually using the Check for Updates item on the Help menu, choose Never.

## Export Settings

### Export table data column separator:

This setting controls how the columns in the Points table are separated in the export file. It also affects the default file type used when exporting points. When **Comma** is selected as the column separator, the default file type is .csv, which can be imported automatically into Microsoft Excel. When **Tab** or **Semicolon** is selected for the column separator, the default file type changes to .txt instead of .csv, and the file will require additional adjustment within Excel.

### Date and time format: Separate into two columns.

By default, date and time are exported as a single column to facilitate graphing in spreadsheet programs. If enabled, this setting splits the date and time into two columns.

### Include in column header:

- **Logger serial number**

This setting adds the logger's serial number to each column header when you export the Points table. This is especially useful if you are exporting series that were copied and pasted from plots that came from different loggers.

- **Sensor serial number (if available)**

### Automatically export table data upon reading out of a logger

Enable this setting if you want the data to be exported to a separate text file every time a datafile (.hobo) is saved. (This option does not apply to HOBO project files.)

- Bypass Multi-file Export ...

By default, the data will be exported to a single text file with the same prefix and in the same location as the datafile.

To export multiple files, uncheck this option.

- Show multi-file export dialog

Select this option to save the exported data to multiple files, which may be helpful if the datafile is very large.

# CONFIGURING FLEXSMART MODULES/ANALOG SENSOR PORTS

## Setting Scaling Parameters

This topic describes the settings for the scaling parameters section of the Configure Channel pane.

The screenshot shows a 'Scaling Parameters' window with two columns: 'Raw' and 'Scaled'. Under 'Raw', the 'Units' are set to 'V'. Below this, 'Value 1' is set to 0 and 'Value 2' is set to 5, each with a small up/down arrow icon. Under 'Scaled', the 'Units' are set to 'PSIG' (shown in a dropdown menu). Below this, the corresponding scaled values are 0 for Value 1 and 100 for Value 2. The values are separated by an equals sign (=).

### Raw

#### Units:

This is the type of output the sensor has; either V or mA, corresponding to the type of sensor selected.

Raw Value 1 and Raw Value 2 should be input in these units.

For example, if the external sensor has an output of 4 – 20 mA, the raw units would be in mA.

#### Value 1

The low raw value given by the external sensor. In the previous example, this would be 4 mA.

#### Value 2

The high raw value given by the external sensor. In the previous example, this would be 20 mA.

Raw Value 2 must always be greater than Raw Value 1.

### Scaled

#### Units

Choose one of the predefined units from the pull-down list, or choose Custom to define units for other types of sensors. See Custom Units below.

#### Value 1

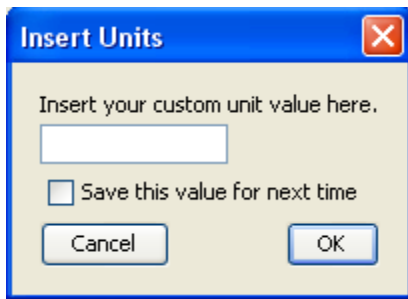
The value you will see on the graph when the sensor reports a raw value equal to Raw Value 1. This value should be entered in the same units that are specified in the Scaled Units box.

#### Value 2

The value you will see on the graph when the sensor reports a raw value equal to Raw Value 2. This value should be entered in the same units that are specified in the Scaled Units box.

## Custom Units

If you select Custom ... in the Scaled Units drop-down list, the following dialog appears.



Enter a description up to eight characters of the units associated with the physical property to be measured. For example, if the sensor attached to this channel was a flow meter that measured flow rate, you could specify CFS (Cubic Feet per Second) as the scaled unit. If you want to see data in particular SI or US units, you need to enter the appropriate scaling values and units here.

Custom units do not allow for conversion between SI to US units. It is only a reference used to indicate how the module is configured and how the resulting data should be labeled.

Check the Save this value for next time box to have this unit name added to the Scaled Units pull-down so that it can be selected in the future when using the same type of module.

Custom unit names are removed when you restore preference defaults.

Click OK to return to the Configure Channel dialog.

# Configuring Excitation Power

## Description

The Analog Sensor Ports support optional, user-configurable sensor excitation power and warmup. Sensor excitation is a voltage output provided by the HOBO U30 Station to power a sensor that is connected to it. This power may be needed because the sensor is not self-powered, or because the sensor's power capacity cannot support a long deployment.

When sensor excitation is required, the logger can provide 12 V DC sensor excitation voltage up to 200 mA total for transducers that require external power for proper operation. The excitation voltage has a programmable warmup time and is controlled by the Analog Sensor Port.

A warm up time can be up to 120 seconds. If the warm up required is longer than 120 seconds, or if you are not concerned with battery life, you may choose the **Continuous** option, which will power the sensor for the entire deployment. Then click **OK** to return to the Configure Channel dialog.

## Battery Life

Providing excitation power drastically decreases the logger's battery life. (Consult the logger manual for more information.) In order to save battery power, you may specify the minimum time needed to power the sensor before taking a measurement. For example, if you specify a **Warm Up** of one second and set the logging interval in the logger to one minute, the logger will power the external sensor for one second, log data and then turn off the excitation power for the next 59 seconds.

Always enable the logger's internal battery channel when logging with excitation power. If the battery becomes too low to provide excitation power, excitation power is turned off, but logging continues as long as the battery can power the logger. This will cause the further readings on that channel to become inaccurate. If you are logging the internal battery channel when this happens, an Excitation Off event will be shown in your datafile to mark the point at which excitation power was disabled.

## Configuration

You configure Excitation Power from the Configure Channel dialog.

1. Click on the Set Excitation Power button to open the Excitation Power dialog.
2. Check off the Excitation Power Used box.
3. Select the Mode.
4. If the Mode is Warm Up, select the warm up time in seconds.
5. Click OK.

## Modes

### Warm up

When in Warm up Mode the logger supplies excitation power for a brief, user-programmable period prior to each measurement. This mode allows you to select the minimum warm up time needed to allow for sensor stabilization, while conserving battery power.

For example, if you specify a warm up of one second and set the Logging Interval to one minute, the HOBO U30 Station will power the external sensor for one second, log a measurement, and then turn off the excitation power for the next 59 seconds. The warm up time can be up to 120 seconds.

If the warm up time selected is greater than the logging interval selected, the logger will interpret the excitation mode as continuous.

## **Continuous**

When in Continuous Mode the logger supplies constant excitation power to the sensor for the entire duration of the deployment. This mode will result in reduced battery life. Continuous mode is required if the sensor needs more than two minutes of warm up time.

The Analog Sensor Ports begin functioning when logging begins. When the ports are functioning correctly, the Active indicator LED on the port blinks once per logging interval to indicate that a successful measurement has been made. The Ex. On indicator LED will also be lit when excitation is enabled.

# HOBOWARE REFERENCE

## The Launch Window: Station Loggers

The Launch Window for the following Station loggers is shown below:

- Weather Station
- Micro Station
- Energy Station
- U30 Station (see Working with the HOBO U30 Station on page 1 for more information)

The screenshot shows the 'Launch Logger' window for a HOBO U30 Station. The window has a blue title bar and a standard Windows-style interface. The main area is divided into several sections:

- Logger Information:** Displays 'Logger Type: HOBO U30 Station', 'Serial Number: 1237599', and 'Deployment Number: 3'.
- Battery Level:** Shows a battery icon and '100 %'.
- Description:** A text field containing 'Station Logger'.
- Channels to Log:** A list box showing 'Internal Channels:' with 'Battery Voltage' checked. Below it, 'External Sensors and Modules: (00 Enabled Channels Attached)'.
- Utilities:** A panel on the right with buttons for 'Disable', 'Configure...', 'Refresh', and 'Set Location...'.
- Logging Interval:** Set to '1 Hr 0 Min 0 Sec'. A 'Maximum logging interval: 18 Hr 12 Min 15 Sec' is also shown.
- Sampling Interval:** Set to '0 Min 1 Sec'.
- Logging Duration:** Set to '21828 Days, 01 Hr 00 Min 00 Sec' with a note '(Approx. time to fill logger)'.
- Launch Options:** A section with radio buttons for 'Now', 'At Interval', 'Delayed', and 'Trigger'. The 'Now' option is selected, showing the date and time '04/22/08 03:10:30 PM GMT-04:00'. Other options include 'At Interval' (04/22/08 04:00:00 PM GMT-04:00), 'Delayed' (4/22/08 04:00:00 PM GMT-04:00), and 'Trigger' (Push Logger Button). There is also a 'Save Settings' option set to 'Save Settings in Logger (Does Not Launch)'.
- Buttons:** At the bottom are 'Help', 'Skip launch window next time', 'Cancel', 'Status...', and 'Launch' buttons.



# Channel Configuration Guidelines: Station Loggers

This topic describes guidelines for the Channels to Log section in the Launch window for Station loggers.

Some general information is given below, but you should always refer to the documentation that came with your logger for detailed information about the channels that are available to you.

## **Dew Point**

When a sensor includes both temperature and RH, dew point will be calculated automatically.

## **Maximum Channels**

Do not attach more than 15 channels of sensors. The logger cannot accommodate more than 15 channels.

## **Battery Channel**

In addition to logging up to 15 channels, the HOBO Energy Logger Pro and HOBO U30 Station can record their internal battery channel. (Other sensors must be attached; the logger cannot log battery alone.) The logger's battery voltage is recorded at each interval.

Like the other data channels, logging the internal battery channel consumes some of the logger's memory. Unless you are using excitation power or suspect abnormal battery performance, you probably do not need to log the battery voltage in loggers other than the HOBO U30 Station.

## **Excitation Power**

Always enable the logger's internal battery channel when logging with excitation power. This will enable you to determine whether and when excitation power was turned off during a deployment.

# The Launch Window: U-Series Loggers

The Launch Window for all U-Series loggers except the U30 Station is shown below.

See **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** on page 75 for more information.

The screenshot shows the 'Launch Logger' window with the following configuration:

- Logger Type: HOB0 U14-002 Temp/RH
- Serial Number: 1296490
- Deployment Number: 6
- Battery Level: 96 %
- Description: U-Type Logger
- Channels to Log:
  - ☒ 1) Temperature 10K Thermistor
  - ☒ 2) Relative Humidity
  - ☒ 3) Logger's Battery Voltage
- Logging Interval: 1 Hr 0 Min 0 Sec. Maximum logging interval: 18 Hr 12 Min 15 Sec
- Logging Duration: 678 Days, 17 Hr 00 Min 00 Sec (Approx. time to fill logger). This value is based on the logging interval and channel(s) selected above; it does not account for memory used by events.
- Launch Options:
  - Now: ☐ 04/22/08 10:09:53 AM GMT-04:00
  - At Interval: ☐ 04/22/08 11:00:00 AM GMT-04:00
  - Delayed: ☒ 4/22/08 11:00:00 AM GMT-04:00. Maximum delay: 194 Days 4 Hr 20 Min 15 Sec
  - Trigger: ☐ N/A (No trigger on logger)

Buttons at the bottom: Help, Skip launch window next time, Cancel, Status..., Launch.

# Launch Window Description: U-Series Loggers

The following table describes the fields in the Launch window for all U-Series loggers except the U30 Station.

For the HOBO U30 Station Launch Window see Working with the HOBO U30 Station.

## Logger Type

Logger model and description.

## Serial Number

Serial number of the logger. Note that some external sensors also have serial numbers, which are not listed here.

## Deployment Number

Number of times (including this time) the logger has been launched. Each time you start a new launch, the deployment number increases by one.

## Battery Level/Battery State

Condition of the battery when you opened the Launch window. Consult the logger documentation for specifics on battery capacity.

## Description

Enter a description for the launch, up to 40 characters, in this field. This description is used as the default file name when you read out and save the data recorded by the logger. It is also the title of the graph.

## Event & State Channels *(not on all loggers)*

If your logger supports external events and/or states, you can enter names to identify the event and state channels that are in use. You can also rename the Open and Closed descriptions for each state, and enter increments and units for each event channel.

## Channels to Log

Select the data channels, if any, you want the logger to record.

Only the sensors that are currently plugged in or built into the logger are listed. If you add or remove sensors, click the **Refresh** button to make sure your changes are seen by the logger.

Although it is helpful to see the connected sensors when setting up the launch, it is not required that you connect the sensors during launch set-up (though they do need to be connected if you want to define locations or configure FlexSmart modules or Analog Sensor Ports). You may set up the launch for a delayed or trigger start, then connect the sensors later, before logging begins. **Important:** *Sensors that are connected after logging begins will not log any data.*

For more information see Channel Configuration Guidelines: U-Series Loggers on page 77.

## Logging Interval

Choose the rate at which you want the logger to record data. The minimum logging interval is one second and the maximum for most loggers is 18 hours, 12 minutes, and 15 seconds. The shorter the logging interval, the more quickly the memory fills and battery power is consumed.

- If you did not select any channels to log, this field will be dimmed and unavailable.
- Set up multiple logging intervals, if available.
- Set up fast logging intervals, if available.

## Logging Duration

Approximate time it would take to fill the logger memory based on the logging interval and currently enabled sensors, if applicable. *This is a theoretical estimate only*; battery life and frequent state and event logging will affect your deployment. If you are logging only state changes and events, no estimation is possible.

## Launch Options

**NOTE:** The **Launch Option** defaults to the setting for the logger's previous launch.

- Now  
Logging begins as soon as you click the **Launch** button.
- At Interval  
Logging will begin at an exact interval (for example 9:00:00 rather than 8:47:00 when you choose a one-hour logging interval). The exact start time depends on the logging interval you choose.
- Delayed  
Logging will begin at a date and time you specify, up to approximately six months from the present.
- Trigger  
(Available only on certain loggers.) Logging will not start until you press the button on the logger and hold it down for at least three seconds, or return the logger to the coupler without the base station for at least three seconds (refer to your logger manual for more information). If the logger has a light, the light will flash quickly when logging begins.

A note on the Launch window "\*Default window contents obtained from Last Launch" indicates that the **Fill launch window with contents of Previous launch** preference is enabled. If you want to always use the settings from the logger's memory, you can return to the default setting. In Preferences, click the General icon, and choose **Fill launch window with contents of Current logger** under **Launch Time-Saving Options**.

# Channel Configuration Guidelines: U-Series Loggers

## **RH/Pressure**

Some loggers with RH or pressure sensors require that you also select the internal temperature channel in order to log relative humidity or pressure. Refer to the manual that came with your logger for additional information.

## **Dew Point**

When both the internal temperature and RH channels are selected, dew point will be calculated automatically.

## **External Channels**

For loggers with external channels, you must select the part number of the sensor that is attached to ensure data is accurate during logging. The sensor part number is listed on the shrink tube on the sensor cable; make sure it matches the part number you select.

If you select an external channel, but do not plug the sensor in, false data will be recorded for that channel.

## **Utilities**

If applicable, select a channel and click on the Scaling or Alarms button in the Utilities section to configure scaling or alarms.

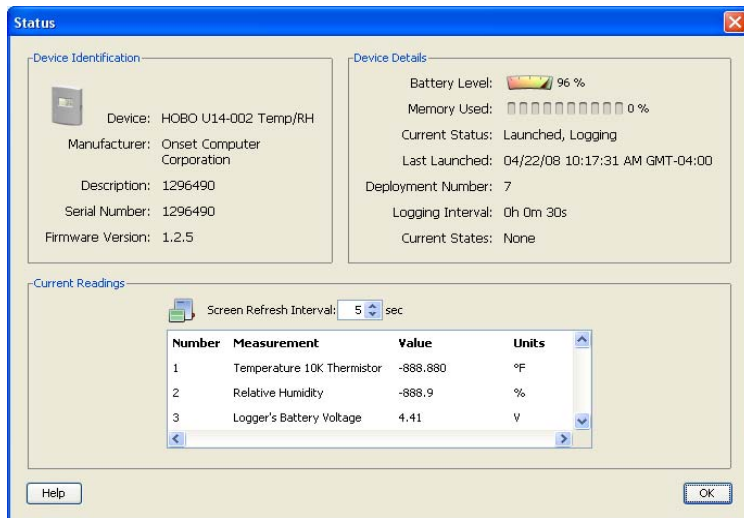
## **Battery Channel**

You can select the logger's internal battery channel. The logger's battery voltage is recorded at each sample time.

Like the other data channels, logging the internal battery channel consumes some of the logger's memory. Unless you suspect abnormal battery performance, you probably do not need to log the battery voltage. A U-Series logger will record a bad battery event, even if it is not recording the battery channel.

# The Status Window

This topic describes the elements in the Status window:



## Device Identification

### Device

Logger model and description.

### Manufacturer

Manufacturer of the logger.

### Description

Description entered when the logger was last launched. This description will be used as the default file name and the title in the graph.

### Serial Number

Serial number of the logger.

### Firmware Version

Version number of the logger's firmware.

## Device Details

See page 79.

## Current Readings

See page 81.

# Device Details

This topic describes the elements of the Device Details section of the Status window.

## Battery Level/Battery State

Condition of the battery. Consult the logger documentation for specifics on battery capacity.

## Memory Used

Percentage of the logger's memory that is full.

**Note:** If the battery died while the logger was logging, this will be 100% even if only a small amount of the memory was used.

## Current Status

Messages that describe the state of the logger.

- **Awaiting Button/Coupler Start**  
The logger has been launched with a trigger start (if available). Press and hold down the button on the logger for three seconds to begin logging, or follow the instructions that came with your logger if it offers a triggered start but does not have a button. If the logger has a light, the light will flash quickly when logging begins.
- **Awaiting Delayed Start**  
The logger will begin recording data at a specific time because either **Delayed Start** or **Start at Interval** was chosen at launch.
- **Launched, Logging**  
The logger has been launched and is actively recording data.
- **Logger Is Full**  
The logger has reached its memory capacity and is no longer recording data.
- **Logger is stopped**  
The logger is not logging, is not full, and is not awaiting a delayed or trigger start.

## Last Launched

Date, time, and offset to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), also known as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), when the logger was last launched. This is not necessarily the time when the first sample was recorded; it is the time all of the launch parameters were loaded in the logger.

## Delayed Start *(if applicable)*

If the logger has been launched, but is waiting for a delayed or interval start, the scheduled start time is shown here in local time.

## Deployment Number

Number of times the logger has been launched. The number listed includes the most recent launch.

## Logging Interval

Rate at which the logger was set up to record data the last time the logger was launched, if applicable. If the logger supports multiple logging intervals, the interval currently in use (if the logger is logging) will be shown in bold.

## Current States

If your logger has an event button, most often the current state will be **Button Up**, meaning the button is not being pressed.



# Current Readings

This topic describes the elements of the Current Readings section of the **Status** window.

## Screen Refresh Interval

Frequency with which the **Current Readings** are updated, up to 3600 seconds (one hour). A higher number means less stress on the logger's battery. The Status icon blinks when the readings are updated.

**Note:** For event/state loggers, the interval is set to 0.5 seconds and cannot be adjusted. This ensures that you do not miss events and state changes that take place between refreshes.

## Tilt meters (not labeled)

For acceleration loggers only, color-coded meters display X, Y, and Z-axis tilt (relative to vertical, assuming that the only acceleration force on the logger is gravity) graphically.

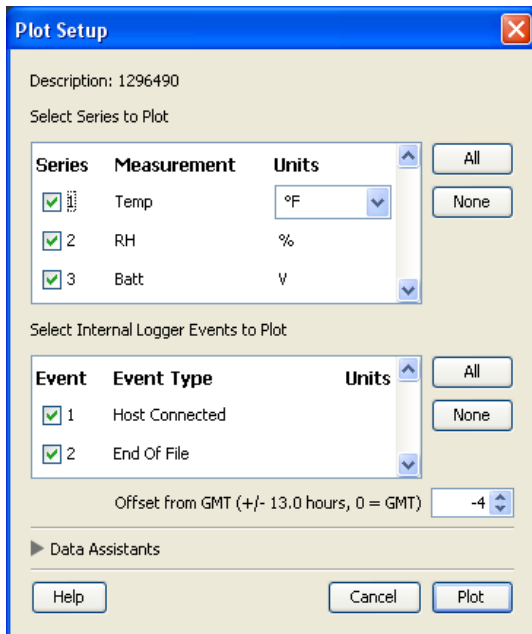
## Sensor Readings

Sensor readings, updated in real time.

- Readings are displayed for all available sensors, even if they are not being logged. If a channel is not being logged, its name is dimmed in the display.
- If a logger has channels for external sensors, a description and reading will be given for the external channels even if no sensors are plugged in.
- For event loggers, the event count in the **Current Readings** box will always start at zero, even if many events have already been logged.
- The battery voltage is displayed for some loggers.

# The Plot Setup Dialog

After you read out a logger or open a saved datafile, the Plot Setup dialog appears.







1. Select the series you wish to view on the plot. Click each checkbox individually to select or clear sensor measurements, states, and events, or click the **All** or **None** buttons to select or clear all sensor measurements, states, and events.
2. Select the units you want to display for each series, if available.
3. Adjust the time zone offset, if necessary. By default, data is shown in the offset used to launch the logger with HOBOWare Lite. To select a different offset, enter the hours offset from GMT (UTC) in decimal form. You may find this useful if you logged in multiple time zones, or if you took the logger to a different time zone after launching it.
4. When you have made your selections, click the **plot** button. The plot is displayed.

# The Details Pane

To display the Details pane, choose **Details Pane** from the View menu. Choose **Details Pane** again to hide the Details pane.

For each sensor measurement, event, and state series, the Details pane contains information and statistics, including:

-  Logger information, such as the logger model and serial number
-  Deployment information, such as the launch description, deployment number, start time and time zone, logging interval, and battery voltage at launch
-  Series statistics, including the total sensor samples and events, time of the first and last sample, and the maximum, minimum, average, and standard deviation for each sensor series in the plot
-  Audit trail information for secure (.hsec) files

To fully expand the details tree, click the **Show All** button. To fully collapse the tree, click **Hide All**.

Click a series node in the details tree to select the corresponding series on the graph and corresponding column in the Points pane.





















To print the details tree, go to the File menu and choose **Print Details**. To export the details tree to a text file, go to the File menu and choose **Export Details**.


To resize the pane, drag the divider between the Details pane and the graph.


**Tip:** If you want the Details pane to be displayed by default when you view data, go to Preferences. On the Plotting pane, in **Layout**, enable the "Show the details pane when plotting data" option.

# Toolbar icons

The toolbar, located at the top of the main HOBOWare Lite window, allows point-and-click access to HOBOWare Lite's most frequently used functions. Pause the pointer over each icon on the toolbar for a description of each tool.

-  Launch - opens the Launch window.
-  Readout - opens the Readout window.
-  Status - opens the Status window, which displays the logger's state and current readings.
-  Stop - stops a logging logger.
-  Select Device - opens the select Device window, which displays available devices.
-  Save - opens the Save dialog, from which you can save the plot as a project (.hproj) file.
-  Close - closes the currently focused plot.
-  Export - Opens the Export Options dialog, from which you can configure settings for exporting a text file of the data (in .csv or .txt format) for use in spreadsheet and other applications.
-  Print - prints the graph as it appears on your screen.
-  Arrow - Launches the Arrow Tool, which you can use to point to and select items on the graph to edit their properties.
-  Crosshair - Launches the Crosshair Tool, which you can use to display values for points on the graph and cross-references them to cells in the Points pane.
-  Hand - Launches the Hand Tool, which you can use to scroll an axis or the entire graph.
-  Zoom - Launches the Zoom Tool, which you can use to adjust the scaling of an axis or the entire graph.
-  In - Launches the Zoom In Tool, which allows you to zoom in on a smaller area of the graph.
-  Out - Launches the Zoom Out Tool, which allows you to zoom out to a larger area of the graph.
-  Show graph at full scale - Resets the scale of a graph to accommodate all of the displayed data.
-  Graph Properties - Opens the View Properties window which allows you to modify the properties of various graph items.
-  Vertical Gridlines - toggles vertical gridlines on or off.
-  Horizontal Gridlines - toggles horizontal gridlines on or off.
-  Mark Points - toggles point markers on or off.

 Units - Opens the Convert Plot dialog, which allows you to convert some or all of the series on the currently focused plot to other units (for example, from degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius).

 - Help opens the WebHelp.

# MAINTENANCE

## HOBOWare software updates

If you have an Internet connection, HOBOWare Lite can periodically ask if you would like it to check the Onset website for software updates.

The default is to check once per week, but you can configure HOBOWare Lite to check daily or monthly. In Preferences, go to the **Startup** group on the General pane to change the **Check for HOBOWare updates** setting. (If you do not have an Internet connection, choose **Never**.)

You may check for updates manually at any time. Choose **Check for Updates** from the Help menu.